

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HEALTH COMMISSION APPLICATION

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The mission of the San Luis Obispo County Health Commission shall be to work with, and on behalf of, the residents of the County to preserve and improve the quality of health for all people within the community.

BY-LAWS, ARTICLE III, SECTION 1 - MEMBERSHIP:

a. The voting membership of the Commission should be broadly representative of the social, economic, linguistic, handicapped, and racial populations, geographical areas within the County and be in reasonable proportion to the ethnic origin, gender and age groups in the population of San Luis Obispo County.

b. The voting membership of the Commission shall consist at all times of a majority six (6) of health care consumers who are not direct or indirect providers of health care. The remainder of the Commission voting membership, five (5), two (2) shall be indirect providers and three (3) direct providers who are representative of the health care system in San Luis Obispo County. For the purposes of this Commission, effective July 1, 2000, indirect providers are defined as those individuals who are affiliated with the health care system and who are currently providing support services. These may include, but are not limited to medical office staff, health care administrators, health insurance personnel, health education/trainers, and individuals who are members of governing boards of a health care entity. Direct providers for the purposes of this Commission are defined as those individuals who are currently providing "hands on" health care services. These may include but not limited to, physicians, nurses, lab technologists, pharmacists, dentists, physicians assistants, ophthalmologists, podiatrists, mental health therapists, and other health care service providers.

(Please print or type)

Name CLAIRE GRANTHAM

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☒ Current ☐ Past Occupation RN - Sierra Vista Regional Med Ctr
☐ Current ☐ Past Employer _____

ON A SEPARATE SHEET, PLEASE INCLUDE A SHORT NARRATIVE IN RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. Why do you want to serve on the San Luis Obispo County Health Commission?
2. What do you envision contributing during your term on the Commission?
3. What health issues interest or concern you?
4. The expectation is that Commissioners will devote at least 10 hours per month. Will your time schedule permit this commitment?

Please attach a resume, if available. A resume will not substitute for the above-requested information.

Please attach two letters of reference attesting to your knowledge and interest in promoting health care in San Luis Obispo County.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: HEALTH COMMISSION, 2191 JOHNSON AVENUE,
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA 93401

March 20, 2014

Claire Grantham RN BSN CIC

Applicant for San Luis Obispo County Health Commission

1. Why do you want to be on the Health Commission?

Having worked in the health care environment in SLO County for over 21 years, I feel that I possess both the knowledge to learn, and the real life experiences to both promote and advocate for the health needs of all residents of the community. I welcome the opportunity to volunteer and contribute.

2. What do you envision contributing during your term on the Commission?

The Health Commission deals with many things that I feel that I have some expertise in. I would like to use both my knowledge as a RN, my experiences working in a hospital, as well as my perspective as a county resident to contribute to the Commission. I would be very interested in helping develop and participate in education programs. I would hope to provide a "clinical" perspective to other members of the commission and the public as well.

3. What health issues concern or interest you?

I have interests and background of areas regarding county wide disaster preparation, issues dealing with pharmaceuticals, infectious diseases, drug resistance, vaccine preventable diseases and immunizations. I am very interested in issues dealing with the wellness and mental health issues surrounding veterans.

4. Will my schedule permit me to devote 10 hours per month

I do work full time but possess a flexible schedule which will accommodate whatever the needs of the commission are.

March 20, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to recommend to you Claire Grantham, RN for the opening on the San Luis Obispo County Health Commission. I have known Claire for over 10 years in her capacity as the Infection Preventionist at Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center. As her supervisor, I have found her to be knowledgeable about prevention of infections, intent on sharing her knowledge with staff and patients, dogged in putting safe practices into place to protect patients, successful in driving infection rates down, and generous with her time and expertise throughout the community.

Every year Claire makes it her job to go to as many community organizations as possible to administer annual flu shots. She participates in a collaborative group of infection preventionists from many of the local hospitals and from the County Health Department – this group has been successful in improving the communications around treatment of infections that impact significant numbers of individuals in the community. She maintains an open line of communication with the County Health Department for purposes of reporting and consulting about infectious processes, as well.

Although infectious disease is Claire's area of expertise, she also contributes her time and energy to other health-related projects in the community, such as fund-raising for various causes, providing feedback to elected officials, and advocating for the promotion of health to community groups.


I believe Claire has substantial knowledge and interest in topics of concern to the Health Commission and would make positive contributions to its goals and objectives.

Sincerely,



Nicki Edwards, RN, PhD
Director, Quality and Risk Management
Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center

Lynn B. Enns

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07 March 2014

Mary Jean Sage, Chair
Nominating Committee
SLO County Health Commission
San Luis Obispo, CA

Dear Mary Jean:

Please consider Claire Grantham, RN,BSN,CIC for the position of Direct Provider member of the SLO County Health Commission.

I have personally known Claire for over ten years and can affirm that she is a true health professional in every sense of the word. Her "hands on" and managerial experience in the health care setting, are only some of the assets she would bring to the Commission. She possesses compassion, enthusiasm, energy, insight and broad interests in our county. This community would be well served by her appointment as Health Commissioner.

Sincere regards,

Lynn B. Enns, RN